

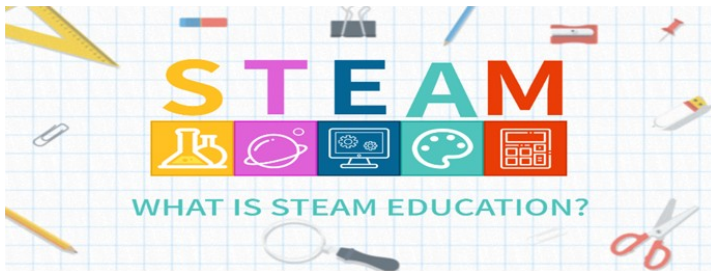


Our Mission Statement

Nurturing children to become happy, well-balanced, resilient and academically sound individuals, empowered to make a difference.

Dear Parents and Community

I recently attended a STEAM Educational Seminar held by Nelson Mandela University.



STEAM education is a holistic approach to learning that combines science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. It fosters creative problem-solving, collaboration and critical thinking. It was first named STEM which only focused on the hard skills to drive progress or create a new concept. In the STEAM curriculum learners focus on both hard and soft skills to solve problems. For example, STEAM encourages collaboration to understand a STEM concept. The days in education are long gone where you sit in a class quietly and just listen to the teacher. Nowadays we are facilitators for collaboration, creative thinking and effective communication. The importance of arts in the curriculum has been proven to increase creativity, improve academic performance, increase motor skills, enhance visual learning and boost higher decision-making skills. It is a tragedy that when schools are battling financially the first budget cut is often the art department. At Yellowwoods you can rest assured that we value the arts and that through project-based learning we are successfully incorporating STEAM education.

At the conference Prof Jean Greyling presented a workshop called 'Playful Coding.' To my delight he demystified coding. To introduce and teach young children coding skills at primary school level you do not need technology. Please watch this space as we bring *coding* to Yellowwoods. Prof Greyling will be coming to our school in the near future to train our teachers to teach coding. We will be inviting neighboring schools to join in this exciting journey of coding for future sustainable learning. On that note if there are any parents who have contact numbers of teachers in Healdtown, I would appreciate it if you would share these with me.

We have a passionate sports department and it has been a pleasure watching sports practices and matches. I have received many compliments from parents saying that our skills are improving in the various codes. Please make an effort to come and watch matches and support our teams. A huge thank you to all our incredible teachers who are going above and beyond to ensure that our sport at Yellowwoods caters for every child. Our chess team is using their break time to practice and are being taught strategic moves by Owethu Ndumndum our very own chess champion.

Yesterday we took 63 children to perform in the Adelaide Eisteddfod. The teachers were extremely proud of all the

children who flew the Yellowwoods flag high with expression and confidence. All the certificates will be handed out in assembly on Friday. We are looking forward to publishing all the results in the next newsletter.

If you have not yet booked your ticket for the Interactive Cooking Demo & Tasting on the 1st of June please book today. It would be great if you could bring a friend or two along to enjoy the day with us and support us in this fundraising effort.

God Bless
Julie Sparks
Headmistress



Important Dates

- Thursday, 23 May - U/11 Netball vs Newton at home and U/13 Netball vs Kat River away.
- Friday, 24 May - Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.
- Monday, 27 May - U/9 Hockey vs BCS away and U/13 Hockey vs Kat River at home.
- Wednesday, 29 May - National elections public holiday.
- Thursday, 30 May - Junior Primary (Gr R-3) Sleepover at school. U/9 Rugby vs Kat River Primary at home.
- Friday, 31 May - Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.
- Saturday, 1 June - Yellowwoods French Cuisine Cooking Demo and Tasting.
- Monday, 3 June - U/11 Rugby vs Kat River at home and U/8 and U/9 Netball vs FB away.
- Thursday, 6 June - Grade 1-7 outing to watch Peter Pan production in Grahamstown. U/13 Rugby vs Kat River at home. U/9 Rugby vs FB away and U/9 Netball vs Newton at home.
- Friday, 7 June - Book Character Day, R10.00 each. Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.

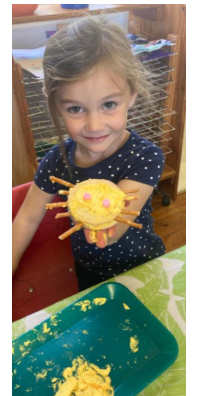


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News from the Pre-Primary

Grade 000 class – Vanessa Brown

As the famous quote by Geoffrey Chaucer goes: “Time and Tide wait for no man”, so time has really flown and these precious children who were all babies just a short while ago, have grown into independent little people; learning, and developing daily. We started off the second term with an “Animals of the World” theme, taking an in-depth look at each animal group. So far, we have covered mammals, amphibians, and insects. This week, we are discovering the world of reptiles, and thereafter we’ll be discussing fish and birds. This theme has brought about the most beautiful and creative artwork, as well as the most delicious Little Chefs lessons. In class, the Grade 000’s class has been working on their fine motor skills by manipulating play dough, threading, cutting, tearing paper and building really cool shelters for all the toy animals with wooden blocks. They have also been having such amazing fun with imaginative play – from hide and seek to creating the most delicious mud cakes and milkshakes for Aunty Nessa to try. “Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. It is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace that is right for each individual child.” - Magda Gerber It is such a privilege for me to have a front-row view in this window of time to see how these young ones grow and learn.



Gr 00 class - Donna Knott

I have loved sharing the theme, “Animals around the world” with my class. We have learned some really interesting facts, for example, elephants can talk to each other without making a noise, using foot vibrations and the goliath beetle weighs the same as an apple. The different jobs working dogs perform and the people who play important roles in taking care of animals. We have been concentrating on cutting skills, fine motor control, puzzle building and creative play with blocks and animals. It is so rewarding to see the wonderful development taking place in each child. The children have had fun making and eating frogs and spiders! During “Little Chefs”, of course. It is so important to nurture and develop each child as an individual, what a privilege I have to be able to be part of this in our Gr 00 class.





YELLOWWOODS PROUDLY PRESENTS...

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